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I have been active in the computer field for over 10 years. I am currently an assistant professor in the computer science department at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. In brief I believe that the proposed settlement will not be effective in curbing the predatory practices used by Microsoft.

The most significant deficiencies is the ambiguity in the wording, which may make enforcement difficult. I also have some concerns about the technical committee, especially the technical committee's inability to make public comments. It is reasonable for them not to be able to reveal intellectual property, but they should be able to speak about general issues related to Microsoft's compliance.

I hope that revisions can be made to the settlement to clarify many points and to allow the public direct access to the technical committee.

Although I have kept these comments short, I would be happy to provide more details about possible improvments. These are my own opinions and not necessarily those of my employer.

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